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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, IS  
SUBJECT: THE STAYING POWER OF A "NARROW" LIKUD  
COALITION GOVERNMENT

1. OVER THE LAST THREE DAYS, I HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS  
WITH BOTH PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND JERUSALEM MAYOR TDDY  
KOLLEK ABOUT THE CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE, AND  
PARTICULARLY QUESTION OF HOW DURABLE MIGHT BE A BEGIN  
GOVERNMENT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT  
FOR CHANGE AND ITS FIFTEEN SEATS. A GOOD MANY PEOPLE  
HERE AND UNDOUBTEDLY ELSEWHERE ARE NOW ASSUMING THAT  
SUCH A GOVERNMENT MAY BE SHORT-LIVED SINCE THE DMC HAS  
NOW BROKEN OFF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ALTHOUGH NEITHER MAN DERIVE ANY PLEASURE FROM THE  
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PROSPECT, BOTH BELIEVE THAT A "NARROW COALITION"  
COMPRISED ONLY OF THE LIKUD AND THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES  
WILL BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN OFFICE FOR A LONG TIME. THEY  
BOTH THINK THAT DEFLECTIONS TO BEGIN FROM EITHER LABOR  
OR THE DMC ARE QUITE POSSIBLE, AND THAT EVEN WITHOUT  
MANY SUCH DEFLECTIONS, THE COALITION WILL PROVE INTERNALLY  
RESISTANT TO DEFLECTION OVER MAJOR ISSUES. BOTH

ALSO THINK THIS WILL BE ALL THE MORE THE CASE IF US-ISRAELI RELATIONS DETERIORATE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. IN THAT EVENTUALITY, RABIN AND KOLLEK BOTH THINK BEGIN'S HAND WITH HIS OWN COALITION WILL BE STRENGTHENED, AND THERE WILL BE A CLOSING OF RANKS BEHIND HIM AMONG A NUMBER OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION. NEITHER SEES IT LIKELY THAT A DOMESTIC ISSUE WILL SURFACE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS SUFFICIENTLY DEVISIVE TO BRING ABOUT HIS DOWNFALL, ONCE HE IS IN OFFICE.

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